

Aug 3

Dear Mr Cohen

I hope you remember me, we
met in St Louis at the E.A.C. meeting,
and I showed you the 1867 Half
Cent I had just found.

You pointed out that it was a late
die state because of the faint denticles
and the bulges in the field.

My question is this, is it possible
that the 7 in the date is recut? Or
more precisely why is it out of
proportion to the other numerals?

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully yours

Don Valenziano E.A.C. # 783

2837 N. 74th St
Elmwood Park Ill 60635

5/30/79

Dear Don

Sorry to be so long in responding but taking a
week off from ANH gives ^{me} ~~me~~ a pile of problems related
to you.

The 7 you refer to is "reced" a name proposed
to me. I regret the "re-punched" you might also read on page
25 under DISPERMANATION. Now it should be that the 1807
die was proposed. It applies to all ^{proposed} ~~disperman~~ dies except
the 1808. The 180 are all the same from 1800 through
1807. I have marked in that the last Memorial of the date
was the only one to be added. This also occurs on larger
cents. You might note on other 1/2 cents the rather odd
placing of the last Memorial from 1800 through 1807. The
7 obviously did not load exactly right in the engraver
so he re-punched the staff of the 7. It appears on all
1807 except very worn specimens and the latest die state
after the die itself was very worn. Hope this answers
your question.

What did you pick up at the ANA?

Sincerely

Rogers

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

May 16

Dear Roger

(V68)

I purchased an 1804 C7 late
die state from Tim Koening.

TRM tells me he knows of
my price and four others.
Is this up to date?

How hard will it be for me to
obtain an intermediate die state?

Looking forward to the whisky
match this fall, I have a
feeling it will be the Half Cent
event of the year.

Take care of yourself.

Don V.

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

Aug 27

Roger,

Just wanted to let you know of my recent upgrade. I purchased a nice 1794 C3a from TRM. He checked it a couple of weeks ago. I am sure he told you about it.

at the ANA I also picked up a nice Mass Half Cent Ryder 16 in XF. Now I guess I have to collect that area too.

I am looking for a nice V6-F 1795 C66, do you have any available?

Take Care

Don V.

2/8

Dear Roger,

Bill Smith tells me you
consigned a barrel of
Half Cents to the E.A.C. auction.
How about sending me a list
of em?

Can you release the prices
realized at the Barrett sale?
I put in what I thought were
strong bids only to have them
doubled.

I am looking for a nice 1797 C₂
if you see one? Not in the Howe
range though.

Have a nice holiday,

Warmly

Don Valenziano

E.A.C. 283

2837 N. 74th CT

Edgewood Park, All 60635

12/22/78

Dear Don

The following varieties have been consigned
to the EAC Auction. The mostly Condition but
UNC's are only in the late date. You can
get the Condition from the Catalogue.

1794 - 2a, 4a, 8, 9

1795 - 1, 2a, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b

1797 - 1, 2, 3a, 3b The 2 is a 4 in my opinion.

1800 - 1

1802 - 2

1803 - 1, 3, 4

1804 - 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

1805 - 1, 3

1806 - 2

1807 - 1

1808 - 2, 3

1809 - 2, 3, 4, 5

1825 - 2

1826 - 1, 2

1828 - 1, 2, 3

1832 - 3

1833 - 1

1834 - 1

1835 - 1, 2

I didn't participate in the
Correll Sale. Bowers + Bradleys'
buyers are for the most part
"INVESTORS" who love to be
touted with B.S. enough
of about.

Could to have been
you
Roger

12/30/79

Dear Roger

Thanks for the list of your coins
in the E.A.C. auction, I knew there
would be plenty to tempt me.

Did you notice the 1805 C2 that Rarcon
has advertised in this weeks Coin World?
I saw the piece a couple of days ago,
its a nice good 4 or 5 brown and quite
clean. Of course they have it puffed
up to \$15.

I did buy the 1797 1/2 its also a nice
piece, \$15 or so. The obverse is from
perfect dies. Ill bring it to D.C. and
show you.

Take care

Numismatically
Don Valenziano

May 27

Dear Mr Cohen

I recently purchased through a dealer friend of mine, lot # 22
Starks Greater New York Convention Sale.

It appears to me that the six is high,
almost touching the drapery (obverse 1) and
there is a die break over the A of
America (Reverse B) In other words I
think they misattributed the coin as
Variety 2 Gilbert.

Would you be interested in testing
my theory? I don't have a lot of money
but I would gladly pay a reasonable
fee for your services.

Thank you for your help and consideration
in this matter.

Yours Truly

Don Valenziano

2837 N 74th CT

Edmond Park, Ill 60635

A. M. 2128 A. N. A

E. A. C. # 783

FROM:

TO: Mr. Don Valenziano

ROGER S. COHEN, JR., P. A.
Certified Public Accountants
4733 BETHESDA AVENUE
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20014
Phone: (301) 657-2240

MESSAGE

— SUBJECT

DATE 31 May 1979

FOL
—

Dear Mr. Valenziano:

Mr. Cohen would happy to examine your coin. Send it by registered mail to him at Post Office Box 41046, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. He will return it to you 2 days after receipt.

There is no fee for his examination.

Very truly yours,


secretary

SIGNED

June 4/79

Dear Mr. Allen,

Enclosed is my 1806 Half Cent.
It was cataloged as 62 but
I think it may be a C3.

Your opinion please.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

cmn #2

Don Valenziano

Hj B

L.M. 2128 ANA

F.A.C. # 783

PO Box 41046
BETHESDA MD.
20014

JUNE 6, 1979

MIL DON VALENZIANO
2837 N 74TH COURT.
ELMWOOD PARK ILL. 60635

Dear Don

Many thanks for sending the Coin. It is
a CMM #2 Nat #3 which I am
sure you are disappointed over.

In my book, which I presume you
have a copy you will notice that
I mentioned that telling reverse 1 + 2 apart
is rather difficult. The main point is
the Placing of B in LIBERTY. If you
are using Gilbert's book I can understand
your confusion. I struggled with it for
24 years.

ON OBVERSE 1

BE

on reverse 2

BE

Note the Difference

CMM #3 is the use of reverse 1 with
Reverse 2. There are 16 specimens known
to me and probably a lot more to be found

Thank you for letting me see the Coin

Sincerely

Roger S. Paken

PAID 300 / STAKS
AUCTION

7/1/52

Dear Roger,

In November of 1977 you published
a rarity and condition census in Penn-
wise,

I am not sure if there is enough
new information to warrant a revision
but I feel there are plenty of new
E.A.C.s who would appreciate a
reprint. There's never enough Halfcent
information anyway.

Speaking of Halfcents have you found
a nice 1797 C3b for me yet?

See you in Cincinnati.

Warmly

Don Valenziano

10/10

9/13/80

Dear Roger

I applied for a position with
AWAC's as instantiator trainee.
I hope you don't mind but I
listed you as a reference. OK

Did you get a copy of Rich Bilancia's
F.P.H.? I almost fell over when he
told me the price of his 1802 C, ...
\$15,000. way out of my range.

Exp. in 'MOST' there
Yr. Collection are. PATS/09

Any idea where I can pick up
a nice 1804 C4's C5? Farmer Book
has a C4 in the next auction list.
I've heard nasty rumors about that
company.

Have a Number of C-5
but the Car is available
Keep looking

Take care of yourself

C-4 you
should be
By mail
+ Pick it
Not satisfied

As far as
them
consent
has but 2

Don Valenziano

Good to hear from
you
Roger

ANS ~~11/12/81~~

12/8/80

Dear Roger

I am considering buying Rich Bilancia's 1794 C8. It has the die break through the second T in States, which when you wrote your book, you said you had not seen.

How rare is this break and what kind of premium do you think its worth? There are probably about 1 out of 3 that have the break. - any Premium would be small.

Not much new in Half Cents, still trying to locate a nice lettered edge 97. - So is Leiby that I know of.

Take care of yourself, hope to see you in Dallas.

Warmly

Don Elder, Jr.

I hope he has come down from the "1595" although 1794 1/2 Cents is a better one. I would like to see a higher Grade one.
Roger

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

10/21

Dear Roger

I thought you'd get a kick
out of my stationary.

Concerning the grades of my
new additions. The 1797 C36
I grade F15 and the 1794 C3a
I grade G6, its somewhat rough
and the color is off, hair detail
is of a VG.

Thank you for the information on
the Showers collection. I look
forward to reading your
second edition of American Half Cents.

Take care of yourself,
Don V.

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

Oct. 14,

Dear Roger,

Please send me on invoice, a copy of the second edition of American Half Cents when available. Please personalize it for me.

I have added two H.C. to my collection, a 1794 C3 from Dennis Loring at the ANA and a 1797 Lettered Edge from Jim . It is ex Showers.

I can not find a Showers auction listed, someone told me it was Stacks, do you have any information on this sale?

Saw a nice 1797 C3a, VG10, nice light brown. But I could not get it out of the type set the Dealer had purchased.

Let me know whats new at your end of the world. By all means take care of your self.

Numismaticly,



10/16/81

Don Valenzano Jr.

"HALF CENT COLLECTOR"

Po Box 10161

Chicago Ill 60610

Dear Half Cent Collector:

You're on the list for a free copy of the 2nd Edition since you have shared your information with me over the last few years. I think this is the least I can do to thank you for your efforts. I expect to have the book in hand in December.

Congrats on the 1797 3b from the Shower Collection. I am enclosing some material from the 2nd Edition which will explain the why and wherefore of the Collection. This is from a New Section on the History of Half Cent Collecting.

The Bain has been carried on my records as a F-15. What do you grade it?

Also what do you grade the 1794 #3 which you got from "SAWS" Loring at ANA?

Hope to hear from you soon

Sincerely

Another Half Cent
Collector

Two significant collections changed ownership in the 1960's. The Brobston collection was sold, as previously mentioned, by a fixed price list of Stacks starting in 1963. The majority of the coins were sold very quickly, but as recently as the winter of 1980-81 a collector mentioned to the writer that some Half Cents in Stacks store stock were in Brobston envelopes and had apparantly not been sold. The other collection belonged to Phillip M. Showers of Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1969 Stacks sold this collection as a unit to a collector who was not, to my knowledge, a known Half Cent specialist. This collection which was started

~~short history continued~~

in the 1930's, contained every known Gilbert Variety except four. The majority of the coins were in high grades of condition. Stacks prepared twelve presentation type books with photographs to record the extent and depth of the collection prior to its sale. This book has not been made available to the general public. The Showers Collection remained intact until 1976 when the 1969 purchaser unexpectedly disposed of it at a rather large coin show. After passing through a number of dealer's hands that day, it was made available to a Half Cent Collector who acquired those specimens which improved his collection.

Dear Roger

Just added another tough
one to my collection, a 1795
C3a, I grade it 66. It's
a nice light brown.

I don't know if you have it
in your records, I purchased
it from Ron Math. Sorry about
the quality of the pressing I still
have some trouble removing
the coin, thus the hole at 5 o'clock
on the reverse.

Take care of yourself and have
a nice holiday.

Warmly

Don Valenziano

12/10/81

Dear Don

Thanks for the pressing of the 1795 #3
I had seen the Cain previously and assume that
it's the one on Pon Galle current Price list.

The Book is moving along but it is sure it's
going to take till January 15th for the printer to
finish - Just the same I think you'll enjoy
it

Sincerely
Roger

1/14/80

Sam Valenzano Jr.
Po Box 10161
Chicago, Ill 60610

Dear Don,

No I haven't seen the letter to Coin
World as I don't subscribe any longer. Just
don't seem to ~~it~~ to have time to wade through
all the ads for Foreign Coins, Silver Dollars
and other "HOT" investments.

Sam Ungar has collected Half Cents for
over 15 years and he has a number of
Super Coins. They will be placed in the
Second edition. For example he has the best
known 1802 #1

Do you plan to bid on any of the Half Cents
in the upcoming Auction? I've gotten a
number of calls about the coin. There are a number
of interesting specimens.

If I don't see you before will see
you at EAC

Sam

Bogert

Roger

Thought you might be
interested in this passing,
sorry about the condition,
I still have not mastered
the art of removing the coin
without bending the foil.

The coin has some strong
red over about 40% ^{grade V8}, ~~original~~,
Not cleaned or tampered with.

I've been sworn to silence
but I think you may see
the piece at E.A.C.

The story though is that the
coin has been in a collection

since 1958, he purchased it
from a small time dealer who
found it at a flea market.

Take care of yourself, see
you next month.

Respectfully
Don Valenziano

1-24-82

Roger,

yes I am interested in
a few of the Half Cents in
Stacks sale next month.

Lot 301 C4 perfect obverse
I think it will go high due
to the misattribution.

304 C6 Have you seen
this coin? How does it
rank in the condition census?
Do you think 2K would
buy it?

308 C4 Interesting, no
die break on reverse or so
it seems.

Shirley and I found a nice
antique dining set. Its solid oak

made about 1907, with the original
finish. Its interesting in that the
leaves attach to the ends instead
of the center. We drove up to
Sheepcanyon Wisc in a snow storm
to pick it up but it sure looks
nice in our home.

Will take care of yourself and
stay warm.

Don Valenziano f

Nov 21

Hi Roger

News flash. Richard Shinkens is selling his H.C. collection. Wants to buy some land, heaven only knows what for.

Any way he is giving me first shot at the prices I need and I need to raise some money. I have a couple of days that I thought you might be interested in. I've advertised them in Penny Wiser and now I'm willing to take a hit on them to have money for C.S.

Are you willing to pay \$450 for the pair? If we're close send a check if not send the coin back and I'll refund your postage.

Have a nice turkey day.

Don V

Don Valenziano
Shirley Valenziano
2837 N. 74th Court
Elmwood Park, IL 60635

94 - 6 - 8[✓]

95 - 20 VK 20

66

97 Parten 6E

PS

Also enclosed is your
Envelope - Suggest you use
current address - then lucky if
get them.

12/6/82

NB: also
enclosed is
form letter to
go out on 1/1/83

Dear Don,

Enclosed is a check - Was able to sell the
1806 #2 for 125 - which is a little under its
real value of 150 - I have mistakes like this
from the Past which are buried and I just as soon
forget - Suggest you do the same.

I'm sure the 1794 #3 will find a Home
as its an early state.

I dont generally deal in Coins so suggest you
call me before sending them. Was able to handle
this as I was having a meetg with Bob Guell + Joe Kane to
go over my duplicates.

Sincerely

Bayer

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

May 23

Dear Roger

I forgot to ask you, Does my 1808 C2 from the EAC auction make the Top Ten, in the condition census?

7 more inches
this side 110
100 2

Speaking of which I am glad you are making this info available thru penny-wise, You could have done like Bruen, promise to publish the info, at a later date, if we all sent you a bunch of money, then make excuses.

Take care of yourself.

Don Valenziano

0121/83
5/29/83

Dear How,

Enclosed is the present list on 1808 #2
which I have prepared for the article
to be run in P.W. . Ron may add some
more or be able to tie in some of the
Question Marks. You might note that out of
10 I only know the present whereabouts
of 5.

In addition to these specimens my research
show 7 more including yours in the range
of VF-20 to VF-35 thus making only 17
specimens VF-20 are higher. For an R-3
that's a remarkably low number of
higher Condition Coins. ~~8~~ up to 1803 this
would not be very unusual but after that
date it is unusual.

Enjoyed your comments on Brown I find
it interesting ~~that~~ what Newer collection think
of him. I've put up with it for 30 years.

Sincerely,
Boyer

AUNC-55 (RT)
MIDWEST COLLECTOR

AUNC-50 L. LOW SALE NOV. 1, 1905 - RYDER 4/54: 297 - DR. CASS - STACKS
 SALE IN 1957 - ? - MIDWEST COLLECTOR (RT) - CALIFORNIA COLLECTOR
 OBUVERSE PICTURED IN GILBERT - OBUVERSE + REVERSE
 PLATED IN AMERICAN HALFCENTS (2ND EDITION)

AUNC-50 NYC DEALER - MIDWEST COLLECTOR (RT) - ?

AUNC ? DUPONT: 1094 - T. BIDDER "IRWIN" - ?

AUNC ? NEW NETHERLANDS 56TH SALE - R. PICKER - MERKIN 9/68: 62 - ?

EF-40 MERKIN 3/69: 614 - R. MUNDE - R.S. COHEN

EF-40 SHOWERS - MIDWEST COLLECTOR (RT) - W.K. RAYMOND - CALIF COLLECTOR

EF-40 KAGIN SALE 2/72: 1141 - R.S. COHEN - MIDWEST COLLECTOR (RT) - R.S. COHEN -
 PENNA COLLECTOR

EF-? STACKS "MILK'S SALE" 4/69: 27 - ?

EF ? KAGIN SALE 11/73: 982 - ?

April 16 84

Dear Roger,

Next years EAC convention will be April 11-14 in Chicago Ill. I hope the date will not be too much of a problem for you.

I purchased a 1915 1806 C2 from TS Tooparty. It has been striped or lately cleaned but it still has very nice eye appeal. Will this piece make the top ten?

Do you know anything about the \$/ that Ron Guth has in theyre next auction?

Take care of yourself and keep in touch.

Numismatically

Don Valenziano

2837 N. 74th St
Elmwood Park, Ill 60635

5/1/84

Don Valenziano

2837 N 74th CT

Elmwood Park IL 60635

Dear Don,

I just got my copy of the BLUEASS COLLECTION so I now know what you were referring to on the 1808/7

Row Guth's hype for the Coin makes interesting reading to me. The CC information he lists is from Green (BULLSHIT) data, and is all he has. I've previously sent you a list of what I had so pull it out let's compare.

GUTHS #1 is #1 on the list. The coin coin belongs to RT Nat G. S. Hanson as Guth believes

#2 is listed as #5 ^{on my list} and the data is correct except that the purchaser ^{at} ~~was~~ NN 56th Sale was Blaise Rantone an Atlanta GA Collector who sold it at the Merkin 9/68 Sale

#3 is #3 on my list except I graded it 50

#4 is #2 on my list

#5 is #9 on my list

As usual the Green (BULLSHIT) data is quite inadequate and if it ever is published ^{it} will create a lot of questions to be resolved. This should be interesting as we half cent collectors just love a challenge. But when all is settled we will come to the algebraic equation of $B39 = B4$ or
 $BREEN = BULLSHIT$.

The Coin in the Blueass Collection strongly reminds me the same one that was in the August 1983 Coin World ad of J.T. Teaparty at #1850 down to the Tenny Cut behind Miss Liberty's eye

if my Plate from the Blueass Collection is
right. The Teaparty Sale actually was some time
that Reiley Gross found about a year ago. And the
1805/7 was a previously unknown specimen to me.

Do you plan to bid at the Blueass Sale?
on the 10th? if you do watch what you bid
I consider the sale to be the usual affair
which the selling dealers are looking for bids
that if high enough they will sell. if not
they will keep them.

Sincerely

Bagen

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

May 4

Dear Roger

I am happy to show
you my new purchase
thanks for asking.

Please do not return the
coin via my home address.
I am never there when the
mail man is. Send it c/o

Airways Rent A Car 4025
Mannheim, Schiller Park, IL 60176
or my P.O. Box.

Take care of yourself.

Your friend

(Don V.)

5/8/84

Don Valentiano

P.O. Box 10161

Chicago Ill 60610

Dear Don

Enclosed is the 1806th 2 volume of
Richard Heston's. I would agree to the rating
of EF-45 as there are circulation marks on it
and the slightest wear on the lower cover. It
is a rather late date but before the
crack occurs runs from the 6 to the bust.

I assume you have noticed the marks below
the B of LIBERTY. These are in the die, they
are not mentioned in my book. I can not even
guess exactly as to what caused them. They are
not a die flaw as nothing shows on the reverse and
they appear on about 2 out of every 3 high grade
(F-12 or better) examples. Perhaps God can
provide us with the Divine Guidance when
and if the MASON OPS is released.

Again thanks for allowing me to see
the Coin

Sincerely
Boyer

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

July 20

Dear Roger,

Well I finally landed
a 94 C7. "Won" lot 3284
in the B+M sale June 20 + 21
I grade it a good 6, Color
is a dark brown.

I really miss you Top Ten
article in Pennywise. Looking
forward to Sept.

Take care of yourself.

Don V.

8/28

Dear Roger

Thanks for the phone call. Frank is going to try and make the deal for me. Ill let you know if I get the coin.

Enclosed is the CW articles I told you about.

Take care of yourself.

Warmly

Don V.

AIRWAYS
PENTA CAR
4025 N. MANHEIM RD

DON VALENZIANO JR.

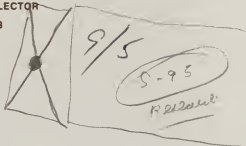
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HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

SCHILLER PARK
ILL.
60176

Dear Roger



Frank called yesterday
and told me of your
interest in Matthews
9426. I agreed that
you should have first
shot at the price and
hopefully we can make a
deal on your dime.

I now own the 06 C3. Very
happy to have it.

Your Friend
Don V.

(U)

(L)

1
c/c
c/c

05-2-

Value Co

MANDR RB

$$UG = 450 \times 4$$

$$\text{Use } 4.18 = 1900^-$$

KANE AB

$$F \times = \frac{450}{275} = 362.50$$

$$\times 4.18 = 1500^-$$

Red Book

$$UG = \$ \text{Per Point} = 56.25$$

$$UF = \$ \text{Per Point} = 55.00$$

VF Spacing

Purchased for

3800 Factor

4.18

$$\text{MANDR} = 8 \times 190 = 1520^-$$

$$\text{KANE} = 6 \times 190 = 1140^-$$

$$3800 \div 25 = 190^-$$

COND

$$3800 \div 25$$

$$= 152^- \text{ Per Point}$$

USE ANASOULE

$$\text{MANDR } 8 \times 152 = 1216$$

$$\text{KANE } 6 \times 152 = 912$$

4/13/84

Don Valeriano Jr.
% Airways Rent-a-Car
4025 N. Mankheim Rd
Schiller Park 111. 60176

Dear Don,

Enclosed are 2 1794² 2b's. I can not help but
note that I'm giving you a Hobsons choice. Both
are with checked die abrasions. ~~But~~ Both are listed
in the C.C. Publication in P.W. and I'm sure you can
locate them.

The Ex-Munde Specimen is black + Porous. and
has greater detail - You grade it

The Ex-Kane specimen is on a Nice Platelet but
is pitted and less detail available. It also a Numerate Tragedy.

I only want to sell one of them There are now
13 or 14 specimens known.

Prices are Ex Munde 1900-

Ex Kane 1500-

Sincerely

Bogen.

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

312-452-5853

Sept 19

Dear Roger,

Thanks for sending the
coins. I'll let you
know in a couple of days
what I decide on the
Ex Munde piece.

Yours

Don V.

RETURNED
COIN
9/22 ROADSIDE
600-91562

Have
Coin
Return
9/22

Sept 23

Dear Roger,

I've decided to purchase the 1794 C26, who knows when another will be available.

Enclosed is my check for \$300
I propose to pay this amount
per month if this is agreeable
to you?

Take care of yourself and keep
in touch.

Your friend

Don V.

9/21/84

Dear Steve,

Get your of the 23rd Oct while at
Mendocino that installment payments were
OK & hadn't been received 5 installments!

Accordingly I am releasing your release and
ask that you return the book to me
I think both of us will feel better if
the transaction does not take place.

Sincerely,

Roger

Dear Roger

I don't if I outlined my situation
very well in my letter. I had every
intention of paying you ASAP. Anyway
Bruce has paid me for the 06 C2
so I can pay you.

Lets be friends OK.

Shalom

Don V.

Rec

10/6/84

10/9/54

WRITTEN
BY RSC

91.5 GP

Dow,

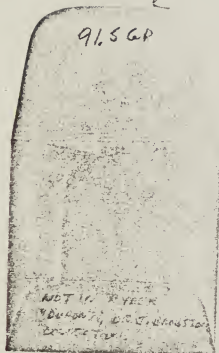
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Envelope for
the 94 26

from the MUNDO
Collection

HERE'S
A
ROAD MAP

Paper.

WRITTEN
BY
HANSON



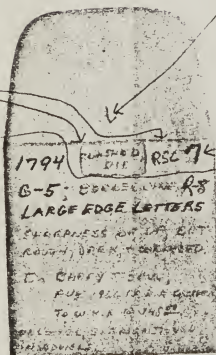
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RSC

THE RED INK WAS USED
TO INDICATE
COINS NOT IN
MY COLLECTION

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OVER

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BY
MUNEE
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STOCK
NUMBER



HOW DO YOU LIKE HANSON'S SALES PITCH OF 1969

HALF CENT COLLECTOR

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Nov 29/84

Dear Roger

This weeks Coin World has the Pine Tree Auction catalog typed in, I was sure you would be interested to know of they're "special offer" to successful bidders. They will be ^{able} ~~able~~ to purchase an autographed ~~•~~ copy of Breens Encyclopedia of US Half Cents at the regular price of \$60.

Well I own a 96, Steve F sold me his at the Michigan State show Now I guess I can consider myself serious about U.S.

Take Care
Don V.

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Dec 29

Dear Roger

You went to all that trouble to write a book when you could have recieved "recognition" by sending Walter Breen it at only \$1.00. Next thing you know he will be selling confirmed reservations to heaven.

Take care of yourself.

Humismatically

Don Valenziano Jr.

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Dear Slow,

Thought you might enjoy the enclosed.

The last I heard of the "Magnum opus" Jack Collins is order to save 40% on the printing Carl had sent the book to Japan to be printed. This was back in June 1983. Since nothing has been released I have heard 2 rumors.

- 1 The book was typeset in Japanese
- 2 The manuscript was put on "a slow boat to China"

What ever the excuse the "California Cabal" is now 2 years late. To me its an old old story. I've been waiting since 1952 and fully expect to be "Six feet under" when it finally shows up.

I heard you were considering a 1793 at the FUN show. Joe Kane Told Me. Did you "Bite the Bullet"

Sincerely

Ragen

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Dear Roger

Jan 20

Yes, I purchased my first 93 at the F.U.N. show. SRM and I finally came to terms I paid \$3300 for his F15, C1. I also picked up a nice 03 C1 in XF45 or 50. I think Steve Fischer told you I got the 08 C3, XF40 out of the Lauder sale. Two upgrades and a new number, not a bad way to start the New Year.

About Breese's book, I doubt if it will ever be published.

See you in San Fran.

Don V.

May 12

Dear Roger

Just thought I'd let you know about a recent addition to my Half Cent collection. But I am sure Ron Brad has already sent you the details.

He had a "deal" for sale at Central States that included a 1794 C16. John Kern purchased the group and sold me the piece @ \$1400. I want to grade it a F12 but its more likely a VG10. It has very nice light brown color.

Sorry you missed E.A.C., everyone seemed to have a good time.

Your friend
Don Valenziano

Wrote both
in the San Lucas
Coin?

My Record
Show

1 AUN C 50

1 EF-40 Not located now

7 - VF 30/35

4 - VF 20/25

The Case Report
to is in My Record as
of F-15

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